

REMARKS

Claims 2 to 19 are pending in the application.

In claim 19, the "locking disk" has been eliminated from the claim language. The instructions from applicant for responding to the office action dated 1/25/2006 included the request to delete the wording "locking disk" from the claim language; the undersigned, while eliminating the wording from claim 11 when rewriting the claim 11 into independent form overlooked that the same wording is also contained in claim 19. The undersigned realized her mistake upon reviewing the allowed claims and therefore submits the instant amendment to correct her error.

The essence of claim 19 is the presence of throttle grooves for reducing the speed of the rotor when approaching an area of the locking position of the locking bolt, the locking bolt being arranged in the rotor and the locking bore that cooperates with the locking bolt being arranged in the stator (the locking disk is part of the stator) - see also the language used in paragraph 0006 of the specification. The throttle bores are also arranged in the stator: the first and second throttle grooves are arranged between stays of the stator so that the vanes of the rotor cover the first and second throttle grooves at least partially.

The references that had been cited against claim 19 either contain no throttle bores (*Ushida*) or in the case of *Fukuhara et al.* have throttles provided within the rotor itself. *Fukuhara et al.* does not shown first and second throttle grooves that are arranged between stays of the stator so that the vanes of the rotor cover the first and second throttle grooves at least partially. There is also no suggestion to provide a throttle location that is correlated with the supply to the pressure chambers for slowing the rotor. There is no teaching in *Fukuhara et al.* that the throttle is to be used to reduce the speed of the rotor when approaching an area of the locking position of the locking bolt.

The locking disk itself has no relevance in defining the invention over the cited references.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Claims 2-19 are allowed. It is respectfully submitted that the deletions made in claim 19 do not affect the allowability of claim 19 in view of the cited references as the locking disk is not relevant to the allowable subject matter of claim 19.

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Applicant respectfully requests that the amendments be accepted.


CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance and such allowance is respectfully solicited.

Should the Examiner have any further objections or suggestions, the undersigned would appreciate a phone call or e-mail from the examiner to discuss appropriate amendments to place the application into condition for allowance.

Authorization is herewith given to charge any fees or any shortages in any fees required during prosecution of this application and not paid by other means to Patent and Trademark Office deposit account 50-1199.

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